

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 831

By Harwell

A RESOLUTION to commend Jonathan Douglass Reid for his honorable and astute service to his fellow citizens in his willingness to donate his kidney.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable community servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Douglass Reid is one such estimable individual who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reid discovered the opportunity to donate one of his kidneys in an article featured in *USA Today* about professional basketball player Alonzo Mourning and his battle with kidney failure; and

WHEREAS, desiring to give of himself for those in need, Mr. Reid immediately contacted the Kidney and Urology Foundation of America, Inc. and is now included on the donor list; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished athlete, Mr. Reid's aspiration to become a champion boxer began at the young age of nine and grew through the years as he studied under his father and Sensei' Graham E. Reid III; and

WHEREAS, studying the Wada Ryu style of Japanese Karate, he attained a Black Belt at the age of eighteen; and

WHEREAS, at age twenty-one Mr. Reid decided to enter Professional Boxing; he currently fights in the Middleweight and Jr. Middleweight divisions and has achieved such notable recognitions as compiling a record of 33 wins to 1 defeat with 18 knockouts, training in the Oscar De La Hoya and Fernando Vargas camps, winning the North American Boxing Association Middleweight Championship in 1999, and fighting in the World Boxing Association Championship in 2000; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his dedication as an athlete, Mr. Reid has found time to lend his remarkable talents to notable causes within his community; he serves on the Ushers Team and with the Prison Ministry at Born Again Church, where he is an active member; he has followed in his father's footsteps and is teaching a children's Karate class; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to his family, he is the loving husband of Anna Reid and the proud father of Imani, Jameela, Jonathan II, and Jaylon; and

WHEREAS, through his selfless actions Mr. Reid has contributed to the well-being of citizens throughout the United States; he "continues to fight, but is ready to donate"; and

WHEREAS, through his humane act of compassion in volunteering to donate a kidney, his exemplary tenure in Professional Boxing, and his active involvement in his church and community, Jonathan Reid has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Reid is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Jonathan Douglass Reid for his honorable and astute service to his fellow citizens and for his willingness to donate his kidney, salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction and providing for his fellow human beings in need, and wish him the very best in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.